



The most important question in the world....

"Why is the child crying?"

--Alice Walker

Welcome to the CCAPC Information Page. For additional information on the Council contact 441-4944 and to report the abuse of a child in Lancaster County call 471-7000.

1. What is the Community Child Abuse Prevention Council?

The Community Child Abuse Prevention Council (CCAPC) is a non-profit organization made up of individuals from civic and professional communities working together to create awareness of the child abuse problem, to learn how best to prevent child abuse and to develop effective abuse prevention programs.

2. Is child abuse really a problem in the U.S.A.? In Lancaster County?

Each year, an estimated 2.5 million children are abused, with several thousand dying as a result. Recent U.S. government statistics indicate that one in three females, and one in five males, will be abused by the time they reach the age of 18.

Each year the Lincoln Police Department responds to over 2,000 calls regarding child abuse/neglect and over 300 child sexual assaults.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Office investigates around 60 cases of child abuse and over 30 child sexual assaults.

3. What constitutes child abuse?

Child abuse comes in many forms. It includes verbal abuse, psychological/emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect. It can occur to any child age 0-17.

4. How does the Community Child Abuse Prevention Council address this issue?

The CCAPC accomplishes several things each year. Some of these accomplishments included:

- A. Cross-training domestic violence and protection and safety workers.
- B. Pilot projects such as: The Respite Care Network and Welcome Baby which then spin off to other agencies to continue.
- C. Special projects and public education opportunities in the areas of prevention such as the Let Em' Play Campaign and the STORES Project.
- D. We do free public speaking to civic groups, faith based groups, and schools and have materials available at no cost.

5. What materials are available?

- Seven Small Ways to Stop One Big Problem (bookmarks)
- STOP Using Words and Actions That Hurt!
- Safety Tips for Parents
- Ten Ways to Prevent Child Abuse in Your Community
- 99 Ways for a Parent to Say "Very Good"
- Would You Like to Wear the Red or Blue Socks?
- Splash Water on Your Face
- Sing of Song of Spinach

6. Who serves on the Community Child Abuse Prevention Council?

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Bauer	Ann	YWCA of Lincoln
Boesch	Kit	Human Services
Cervantes-Salomons	Julie	Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters
Eager	Julie	Rape Spouse Abuse Crisis Center
Gaither	Barb	Northeast Family Center
Gallagher	Maureen	Family Violence Council
Gordon	Tracy	Family Service Association
Heng	Jill	Community Advocate
Hill	Kathy	St. Monica's
Humm	David	Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department
Kadoi	Sheila	YWCA of Lincoln
Kean	Shawn	Heartland Big Brothers Big Sisters
Metzger	Marcee	Rape Spouse Abuse Crisis Center
Moyer	Bob	Family Violence Council
Murray Smith	Lynn	Prevent Child Abuse Nebraska
Payne	Rebecca	Homestead Girl Scouts
Peterson	Betty	Community Advocate
Smith	Steven	Cornhusker Boy Scouts Council
Thompson	Ruthie	Cedars Youth Services
Vajgrt	Amy	Friendship Home
VanDyke-Ries	Deb	CASA for Lancaster County
Wahlmeier	Mary Beth	Child Advocacy Center
Westendorf	Pat	Lincoln Police Department - Victim Witness
Wild	Becky	Lincoln Public Schools
Wolfe	Sandy	Child Guidance Center

7. If I wanted to become “involved” in advocating for the prevention of child abuse/neglect what do I need to do?

The Community Child Abuse Prevention Council welcomes anyone to join the Council and volunteer. We meeting monthly (second Monday, 8:15 a.m.) and advocate for legislation, plan projects, research key issues (parenting skills, bullying, etc.) and sometimes raise money for the issue or agencies addressing issues of child abuse/neglect. Call 441-4944 for further information.

8. What other resources would be helpful to learn about child abuse/neglect?

**Books:**

A Parent and Teacher's Handbook in Identifying and Preventing Child Abuse by James Monteleone

When the Bough Breaks by Silvia Ann Hewett

Recognition of Child Abuse for the Mandated Reporter by James Monteleone

Sins of the Father by Dane Elmar Peterson

**Agencies:**

Child Abuse: Health & Human Services Child Protective Services, 800/652-1999

Child Advocacy Center, 476-3200, [www.smvoices.org](http://www.smvoices.org)

Child Guidance Center, 475-7666, [www.child-guidance.org](http://www.child-guidance.org)

Prevent Child Abuse Nebraska, 476-7226, [www.pcannebraska.org](http://www.pcannebraska.org)

**Resource Centers and Local Information:**

Child Abuse Prevention Network

<http://www.child-abuse.com>

National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse & Neglect

<http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov>

Lincoln/Lancaster County Human Services, 402/441-4944

Nebraska Health & Human Services System, 402/471-7000 (Lincoln Local Office)

*“The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children.”  
D. Bonhoeffer*